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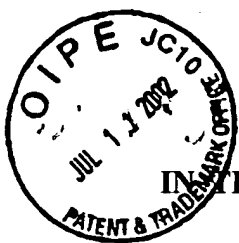
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Please enter in the above applications and communicate in all related matters with the undersigned. All necessary fees are intended to be included, however the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees to deposit account #500323.

Respectfully submitted,

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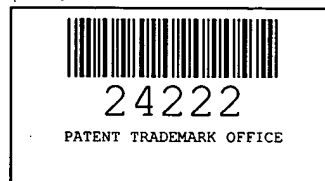
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit this statement and the attached 1 sheet(s) of form PTO-1449 and 1 specimens of prior art and other information in accordance to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and requests consideration hereof. It is assumed the examiner is in possession of the art cited on the enclosed Form 1449 therefore, it is not included herewith. If this is not the case applicant would be happy to supply the examiner with copies of the prior art upon request.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97: This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of a National Application or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited: The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application, the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the reference. As all the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 are in English, no commentary is required.

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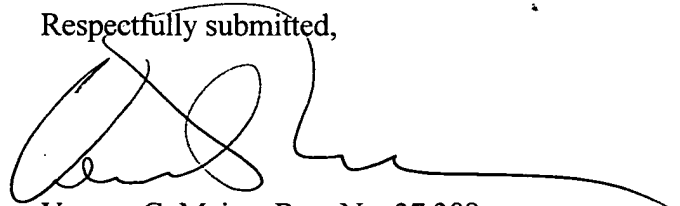
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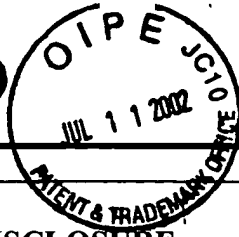
An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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